By the View which this Polar Map exhibits of the Compass and Extent of Sea and Land, lying East and West from the Meridian of London, may be estimated the Importance of the many attempts which have been formerly made, and is at present making to Discover a Passage to China and the East Indies. For could this desirable Discovery be made, either by a North East Passage, as has been hitherto in vain attempted, or by a North West Passage, as is now again attempting; it would greatly shorten the length, and lessen the expences of East India Voyages; and consequently, be of considerable advantage to our British Trade and Navigation.

It may be proper to Inform the Curious, that in laying down the Geography of Hudsons Bay, and the Neighbouring Coasts &c. We have consulted, and in some respects followed Capt. Middleton's Draught; But more particularly that of Capt. Smith's and the Officers of the Furnace Sloop and Discovery Pink from 54° to 67 North Latitude. We have also perused, and derived some assistance from a Chart of these parts lately published, Dedicated to Arthur Dobbs Esq.r The Authorities here referred to, are most authentick yet Extant; but the publick is in great Expectation of New Discoveries from the Expedition of the Dobbs Galley and the California which passed by Yarmouth the 31st of May 1746 under convoy of the Lion of 40 Guns, on their Voyage to Discover the N.W. passage by Hudson's Streights.

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